

# The Mission

"The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs is the lead state agency responsible for improving the competitiveness of Illinois in the global economy resulting in prosperous, growing industries, rising real incomes and high quality jobs. We, the DCCA Team, provide information, assistance and advocacy to facilitate and advance the economic development process in partnership with Illinois' communities, businesses, and our network of public and private service providers."

### Illinois Recycling Grants Progam

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) is the lead agency for the implementation of the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act, (the Act) 415 ILCS 20/1 et seq. and is authorized to provide financial and technical assistance programs which further the goals of the Act. Goals of the Act include reducing reliance on land disposal of solid waste, promoting alternative means of managing solid waste, and assisting local units of government with solid waste planning and management. The Solid Waste Management Fund provides funding for these programs and is financed by a state surcharge imposed on tipping fees for the landfill disposal of municipal solid waste.

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The Materials Recycling Unit of DCCA's Bureau of Energy and Recycling administers recycling grants through the Illinois Recycling Grants Program for projects which demonstrate the potential to divert significant volumes of post-consumer recyclable commodities from Illinois landfills.

Proposals are solicited from governmental organizations, for-profit businesses, and notfor-profit organizations for the purpose of diverting post-consumer recyclable commodities from landfills in Illinois, increasing the quantity of materials recycled in Illinois, and increasing the self-sufficiency of Illinois' recycling industry. The Department encourages the submission of joint approaches from any combination of two or more governmental, for-profit, or not-for-profit organizations.

## Eligible Project Categories

RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION PROJECTS MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD: \$50,000

These projects will include recycling programs for single or multi-family residences, drop-off centers, and buy-back facilities. Projects must contain a collection component evidencing that a minimum of three different types of post-consumer recyclable commodities are being collected/recycled (i.e., fiber, metal, glass, plastic).

## **Request for Information**

Please send me additional information on the following projects:

Curbside Collection
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Commercial Collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office Paper Recycling
- Planning Guide Residential Recycling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volume Based Disposal

Name

Company

Street

City, State and Zip

Telephone

Fax (217/785-2618) or mail to:

Illinois Recycling Grants Program Bureau of Energy and Recycling Material Recycling Unit Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs 325 West Adams Street, Room 300 Springfield, Illinois 62704-1892

To speak directly to a Project Manager, please call northern Illinois/Chicago area 312/814-7179 or TDD: 1-800/419-0667; central and southern Illinois area 217/785-2800 or TDD: 1-217/785-0211.

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Commercial **3 0112 12259249** Collection Projects Maximum grant award: \$50,000

These projects will include, but are not limited to, programs for offices, retail/wholesale establishments, manufacturing firms, hotel/ motel operations and recreational and health care facilities. Projects must contain a collection component evidencing that a minimum of two different types of postconsumer recyclable commodities are being collected/recycled (i.e., fiber, metal, glass, plastic).

#### PRIMARY PROCESSING PROJECTS Maximum grant award: \$50,000 to \$100,000

In order to be eligible in this category, an applicant must be able to segregate and/or consolidate a minimum amount (to be determined by Request For Proposal criteria) of post-consumer recyclable commodities annually from more than one source (communities, haulers, etc.) for shipment to secondary processors and/or markets. Projects must contain a processing component evidencing that a minimum of three different types of post-consumer recyclable commodities are being processed.

NOTE: Proposals involving special waste, hazardous waste, landscape waste, wood waste, construction and industrial process waste are not eligible for funding.